decades. An Investigational New Drug (IND) application has been filed with Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). After the clearance of IND, the molecule will be taken through clinical studies of Phase I, II and III. If successful in these studies, the molecule will become a drug. These studies may take about 5 to 6 years.

New Meteorological Research Centres

161. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up new meteorological research centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government are paying heed to modernize the old meteorological centres; if so, the details on amount spent during the last three years of this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) In view of (a) does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government is paying the necessary attention to modernize the existing meteorological centres. The details of amount spent during the last three years on modernization are:—

Year	Plan (Rs. In Lakhs)
2001-02	2499
2002-03	2557
2003-04	2640

Products under NMITLI

162. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various products have been taken under the programme the New Millennium Initiative (NMITLI);